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UNITED STATES ARMY
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYU ISLANDS

Number 10

March-April 1948

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SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Communicable Diseases

1. There were 5,016 cases of malaria, 2,969 cases of trachoma and 1,151 cases of influenza in March while totals of all other communicable diseases ranged from 20 to 364. See the graphs on the following two pages.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

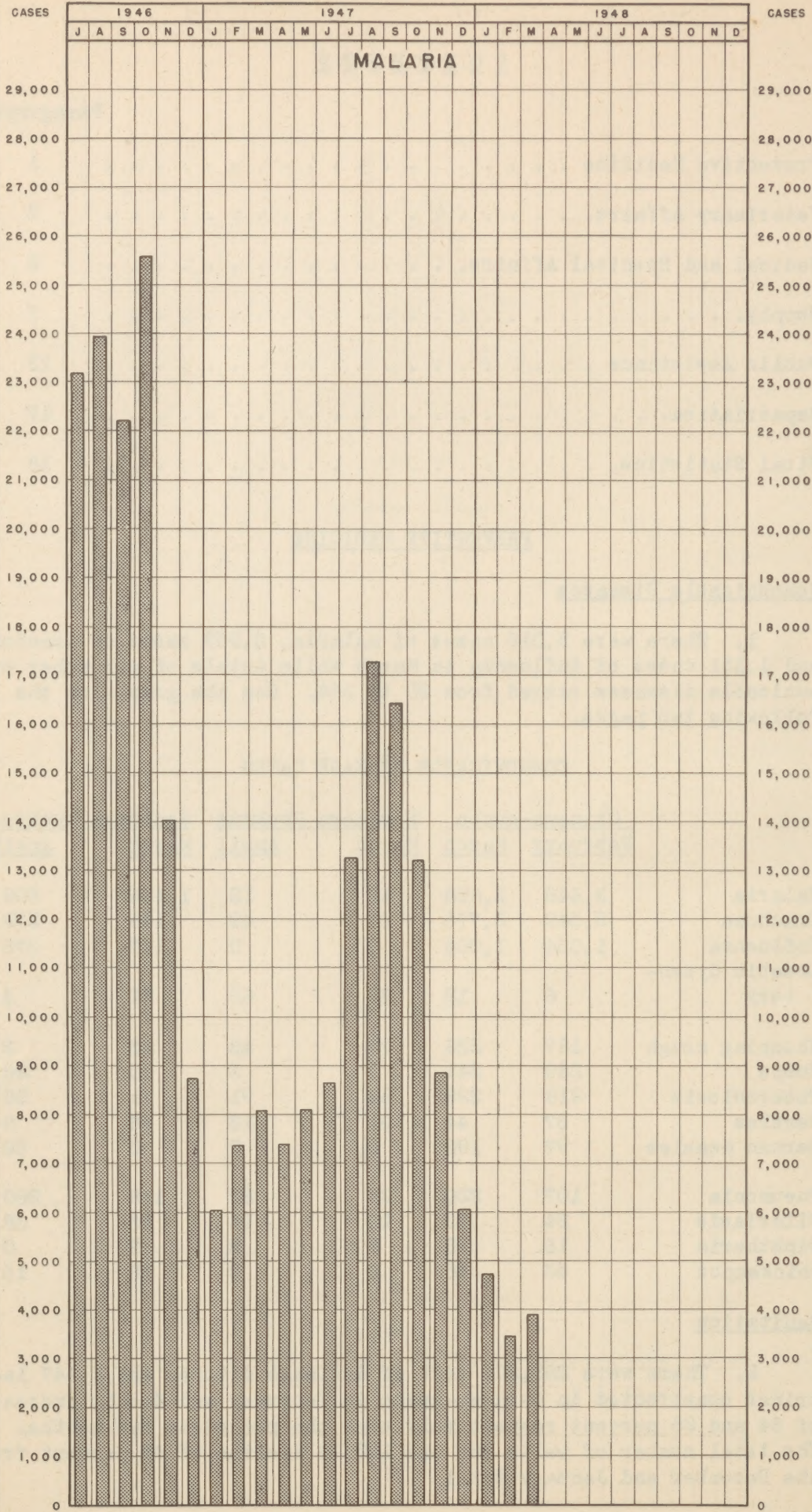
	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Malaria	3,446	3,898	12	12	1,106	506
Trachoma	2,549	2,775	46	49	148	272
Influenza	1,054	1,004	0	0	147	276
Amoebic dysentery	6	12	32	66	21	4
Whooping cough	187	238	77	43	23	2
Mumps	289	241	0	5	10	28
Tuberculosis	218	228	83	91	31	25
Measles	37	44	131	13	78	8
German measles	97	190	0	0	0	62
Pneumonia	107	220	26	27	118	250
Filariasis	24	33	10	14	53	38
Diphtheria	16	18	0	2	2	0
Chickenpox	63	48	0	2	38	15

Sanitation

2. There were 255,271 feet of drainage ditches and 2,447 latrines constructed in Okinawa-gunto in February and March, increases of 84 and 26 percent respectively over the preceding two months. The total number of wells dug was 105, a decline of 49 percent from the December and January total.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · NEW CASES MONTHLY SINCE JULY 1946



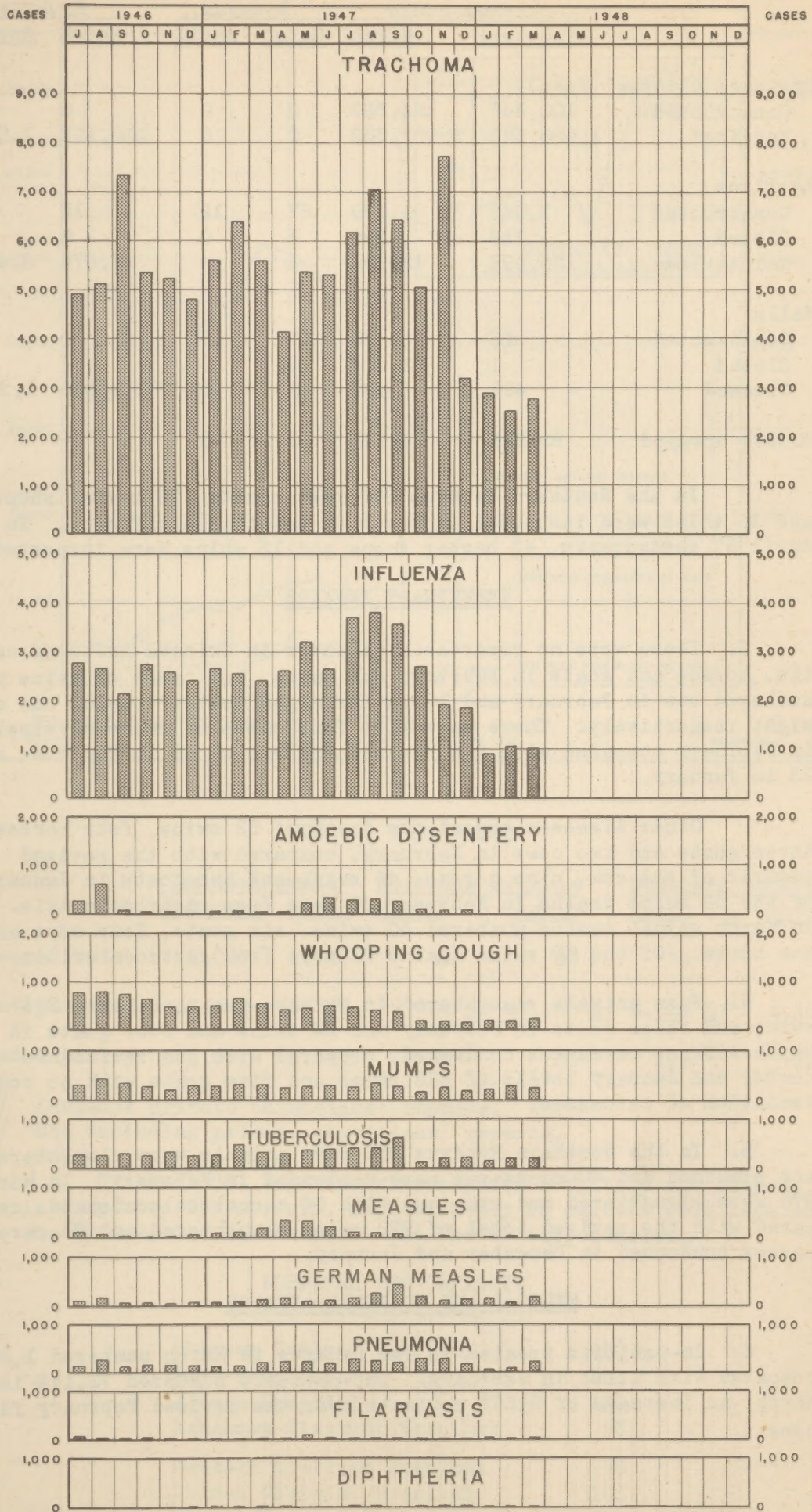
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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · NEW CASES MONTHLY SINCE JULY 1946



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SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Drainage ditches (feet)						
Constructed	100,448	154,823	0	0	0	0
Serviced	1,625,588	1,957,332	0	0	220,121	1,500
Latrines						
Constructed	1,048	1,339	67	12	13	32
Closed	319	390	5	0	0	-
Maintained	176,296	73,940	-	-	7,878	3,420
Wells						
Constructed	25	80	7	16	2	-
Closed	1	3,799	0	0	-	-
Cleaned	499	482	0	0	1,898	1,254
Houses sprayed	82,821	14,703	0	5	-	-

In the Southern Ryukyus 340 restaurants, 76 barber shops and 26 ships were inspected in March by sanitation officers. In April 57 restaurants, 43 barber shops and 13 ships were inspected.

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

3. There were no reportable diseases in Okinawa-gunto of cattle, horses and goats in February and March, but cases of swine pest numbered one in February and 17 in March and deaths totaled one and eight respectively. There were also four cases of swine erysipelas in February compared with the revised figures of 41 in December and 23 in January.

Other diseases caused the death of 52 swine, four horses, three goats and two cows in February, compared with the revised figures of one cow, nine horses, 46 swine and two goats in January. Of the 52 swine deaths in February 39 were from gastroenteritis. In March animal deaths numbered 40 swine, six goats, four cows and one horse. Of the 40 swine deaths 22 were from gastroenteritis.

4. Farm animals slaughtered in Okinawa-gunto numbered 211 swine and three goats in February and 32 swine and four goats in March with no carcasses condemned, compared with the revised December and January totals of 682 swine and five goats with no condemnation of carcasses.

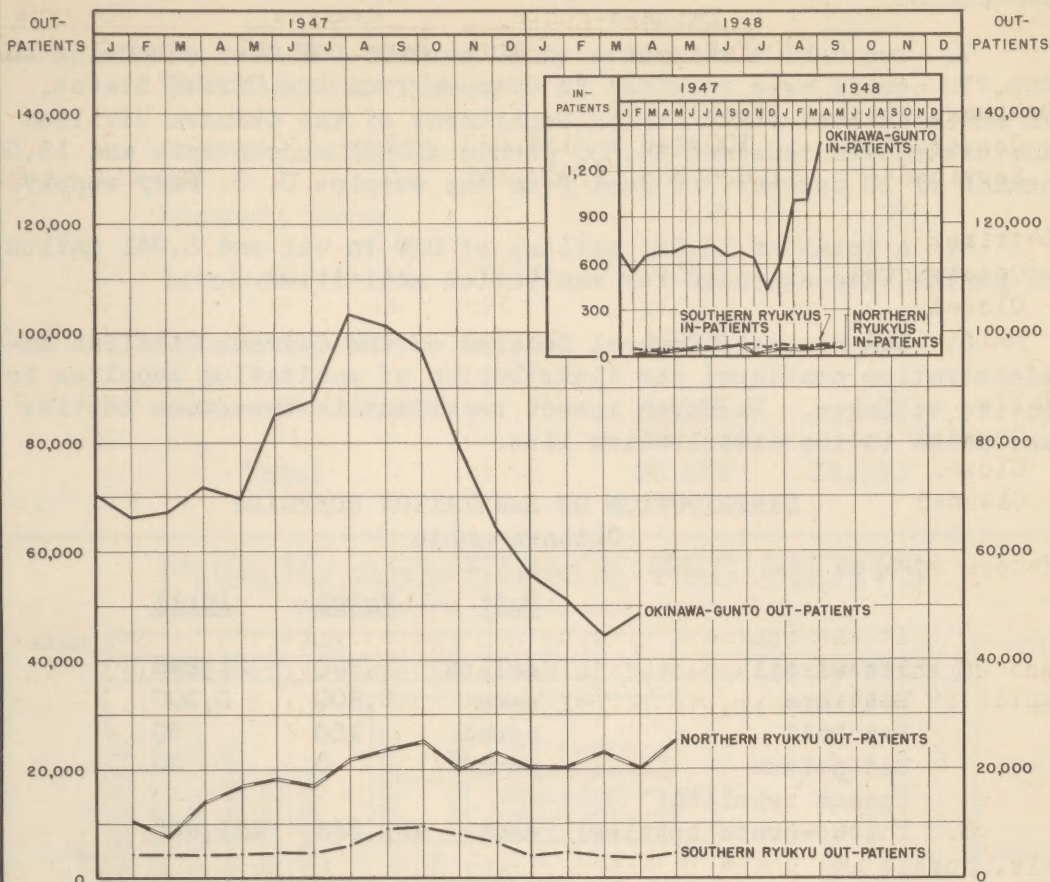
5. In the Southern Ryukyus 359 farm animals were slaughtered and examined and 40 carcasses were condemned in February. In March 370 were slaughtered and examined with 34 carcasses condemned, compared with the revised total of 922 swine slaughtered and 91 carcasses condemned in December and January.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

6. In-patients treated in the Ryukyus in March numbered 1,503 compared with 1,111 in February. Out-patients numbered 72,114 in March, an increase of 5,572 patients over the revised February figures.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

MONTHLY SINCE 31 DECEMBER 1946*



* DATA NOT AVAILABLE: NORTHERN RYUKYUS AND SOUTHERN RYUKYUS PRIOR TO 31 JANUARY 1947.

NOTE: NOVEMBER 1947 DATA FOR NORTHERN RYUKYUS OUT-PATIENTS REVISED.

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MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
In-patients	1,007	1,380	49	60	74	79
Out-patients	44,449	48,556	19,934 <u>a/</u>	25,195 <u>a/</u>	3,624 <u>b/</u>	4,412 <u>b/</u>
Bed capacity	1,581	1,581	30	30	129	118

a/ Includes private physicians' reports.

b/ Not including private physicians' reports.

Of the 1,581 beds in Okinawa-gunto hospitals and dispensaries reported 29 February, approximately 58 percent were located in the Okinawa Central Hospital and the 97 dispensaries.

HOSPITAL BED CAPACITY

Okinawa-gunto

Okinawa Central Hospital	450
Nago Hospital	200
Jinza Hospital	120
Ishikawa District Hospital	75
Maebaru District Hospital	75
Chinen District Hospital	100
Shuri District Hospital	100
Dispensaries (97)	<u>461</u>
Total	1,581

SUPPLY

Sanitation

7. Two GARIOA shipments of 10 percent DDT dust amounting to 406,770 pounds were received in Okinawa from the United States. In addition the Public Health Department of the Okinawa Civilian Administration received 68,500 pounds of DDT concentrate and 16,500 pounds of 10 percent DDT dust from the surplus U. S. Navy supply.

8. A total of 13,821 gallons of DDT in oil and 5,261 gallons of penite were expended for sanitation activities.

9. The Mosquito Control Section of the Okinawa Civilian Administration continued the distribution of sanitation supplies to native villages. In March insect repellent in two-ounce bottles was added to the distribution list.

DISTRIBUTION OF SANITATION SUPPLIES Okinawa-gunto

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Diesel oil	gallon	1,980	21,285
Rat traps	each	5,800	3,300
Rat bait	pound	150	50
Rat poison	pound	0	20
Insect repellent (two-ounce bottles)	each	421,368	181,936
DDT concentrate	pound	720	7,740
10 percent DDT dust	pound	17,935	92,520
Liquid insecticide	gallon	0	10,000
Decontaminators	each	12	62
Hand dusters	each	11	22

10. Miscellaneous medical supplies and equipment received from surplus U. S. Army and Navy stocks totaled 415,499 pounds in March and 481,439 pounds in April.

11. Medical supplies and equipment distributed totaled 157,973 pounds compared with 98,565 pounds for the preceding two months.

MEDICAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Surgical dressings	14,515	800	600	-	500	-
Drugs and biologicals	15,300	50,800	8,400	1,000	37,000	500
Equipment	3,678	6,700	930	12,000	550	4,700

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

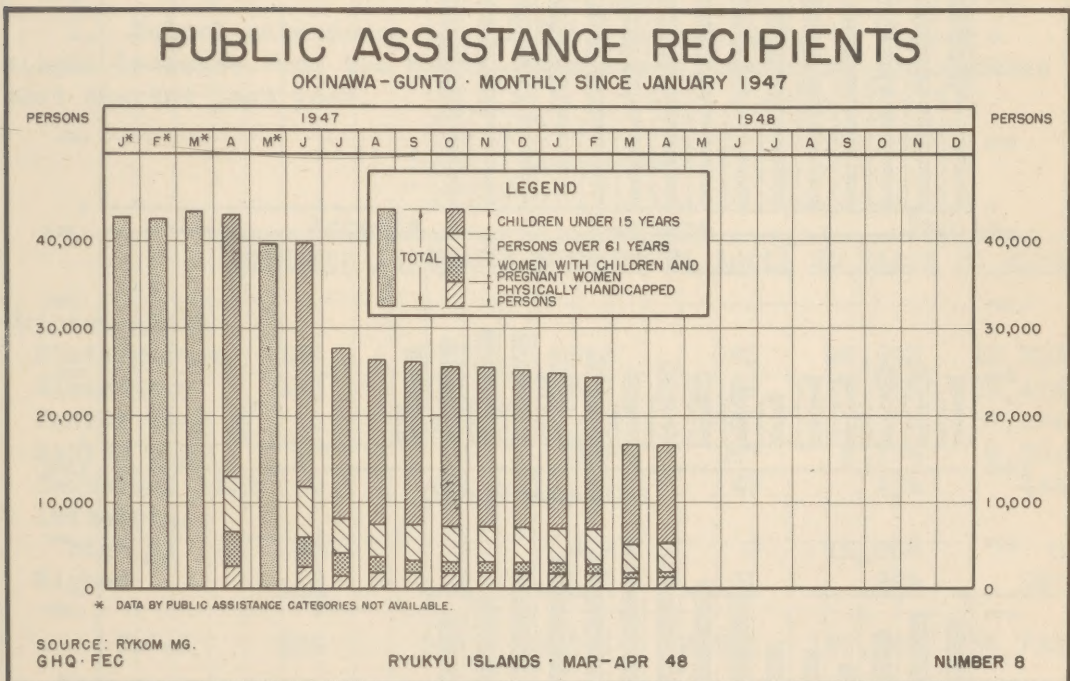
12. LARA shipments of 9,730 pounds of soybeans were received on Okinawa in March and were distributed throughout the Ryukyus.

Okinawa-gunto

13. Relief cases on Okinawa-gunto numbered 16,610 in April, a decline of 33 from March, 7,661 from February and 8,210 from January.

RELIEF CASES
Okinawa-gunto

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Under 15 years old	11,422	11,240
Over 61 years old	3,301	3,395
Pregnant women	8	9
Invalids	753	742
Deformed persons	525	566
Women with children	<u>634</u>	<u>658</u>
Total	16,643	16,610



Southern Ryukyus

14. In March Miyako contributed to the needy 240 pounds of food and clothing and ¥ 19,860. In Yaeyama relief contributions in March totaled 1,268 pounds of food and ¥ 6,317; in April 1,268 pounds of food and ¥ 6,317.

15. The Miyako Charity Hospital gave relief medical services to 1,295 persons in March.

Resettlement

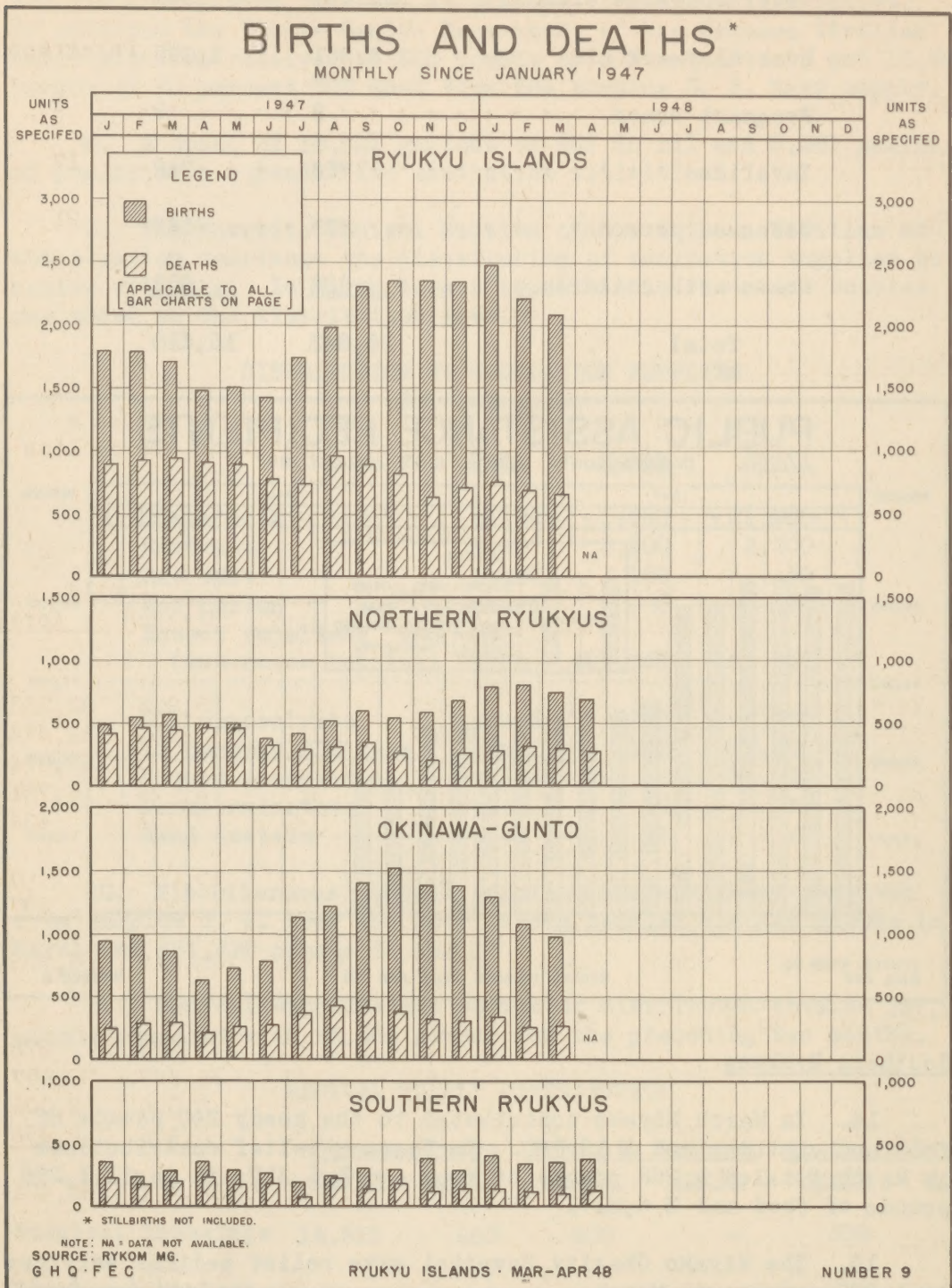
16. Land released to Okinawans for resettlement in April totaled 30.7 acres.

REPATRIATION

17. Ryukyuan repatriates numbered 786 in March and February. Three hundred ten went to Okinawa, 404 to the Northern Ryukyus and 72 to the Southern Ryukyus.

VITAL STATISTICS

18. March births in the Ryukyus numbered 2,081, a decrease of 129 from February; deaths totaled 653, a decline of 31 from the preceding month.



VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Births	1,071	974	749	683	358	380
Deaths	257	263	291	275	99	126
Stillbirths	8	5	8	6	0	0
Marriages	452	542	242	274	170	155
Divorces	70	99	38	25	49	12

SECTION 2

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND RELIGION

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EDUCATIONSchool Statistics

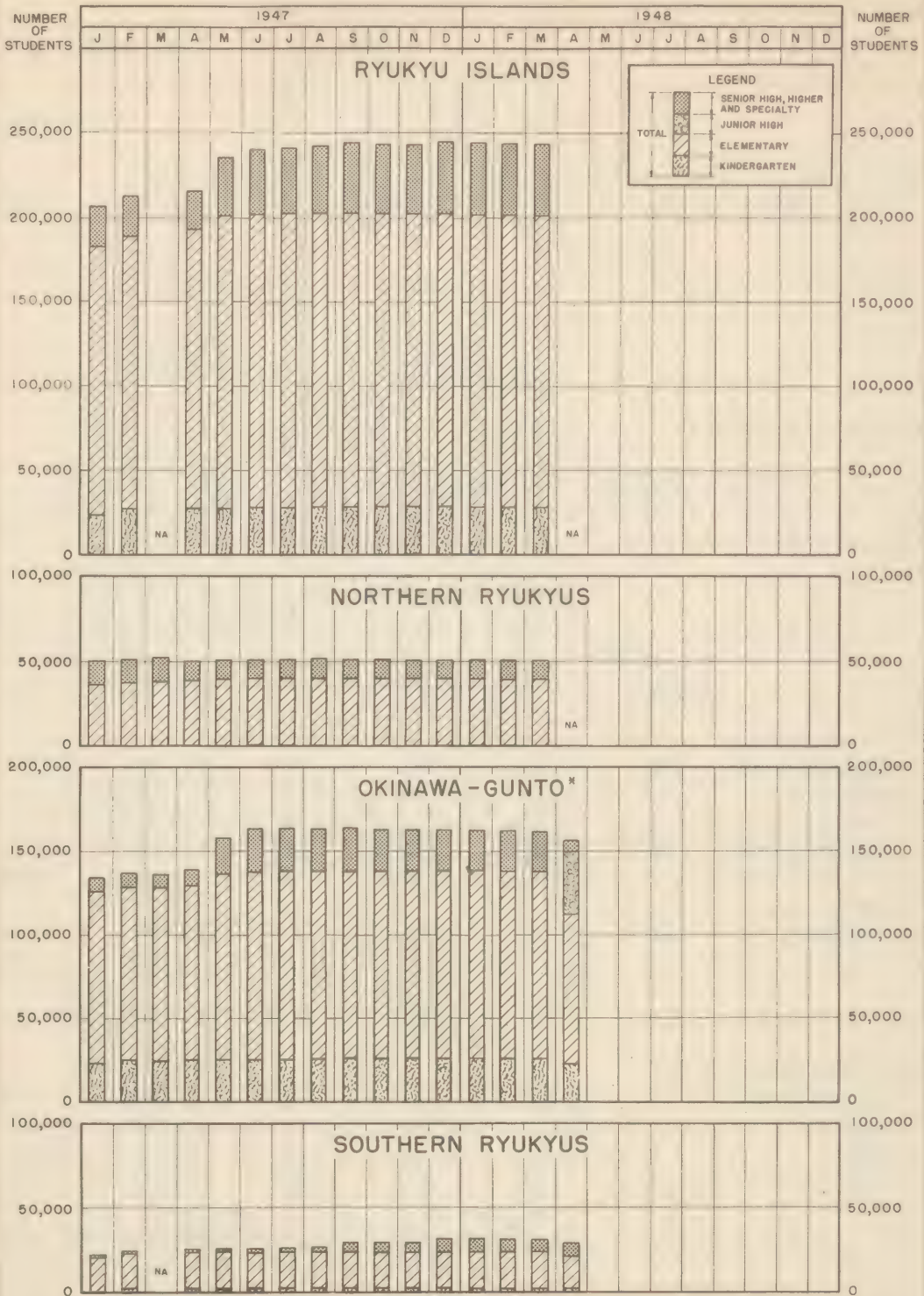
1. School attendance in the Ryukyus during April showed a slight decrease from the March attendance, continuing the decline that started last year.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	<u>Schools</u>		<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Pupils</u>	
	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>
Okinawa-gunto						
Kindergarten	138	138	582	585	25,993	22,763
Elementary	143	143	2,867	2,159	111,956	89,474
Junior high <u>a/</u>	0	45	0	800	0	37,074
Senior high	13	13	287	287	8,174	6,751
Technical high	3	3	47	49	434	434
Industrial						
high <u>a/</u>	25	0	279	0	15,065	0
Higher	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>297</u>
Total	324	344	4,083	3,901	161,847	156,793
Northern Ryukyus <u>b/</u>						
Kindergarten	3	3	12	12	272	272
Primary	102	102	1,163	1,163	39,697	39,697
High	3	3	54	54	2,006	2,006
Technical high	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>8,496</u>	<u>8,496</u>
Total	136	136	1,438	1,438	50,471	50,471
Miyako-retto						
Kindergarten	17	17	53	53	1,775	1,775
Elementary	17	17	312	244	14,307	11,518
Junior high	2	2	28	38	869	798
Senior high	-	9	-	142	-	4,274
Agriculture and						
fisheries high	2	2	17	22	169	169
Vocational	17	-	97	-	3,554	-
English teachers'						
training	<u>1 c/</u>	<u>1 c/</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>32</u>
Total	56	48	512	511	20,716	18,566

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

ON LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH SINCE JANUARY 1947



SCHOOL	AREA	AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER TEACHER AS OF 31 MARCH 1948											
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	
ALL SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	38											
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	35											
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	40											
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	38											
KINDERGARTENS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	43											
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	22											
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	45											
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	32											
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	38											
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	35											
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	38											
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	43											
JUNIOR HIGH, SENIOR HIGH, HIGHER AND SPECIALTY SCHOOLS	RYUKYU ISLANDS	37											
	NORTHERN RYUKYUS	40											
	OKINAWA-GUNTO	37											
	SOUTHERN RYUKYUS	31											

* INCLUDES ENROLLMENT FROM 60 COMBINED ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS LISTED AS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

NOTE: NA = DATA NOT AVAILABLE.

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	<u>Schools</u>		<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Pupils</u>	
	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>	<u>26 March</u>	<u>26 April</u>
Yaeyama-retto						
Kindergarten	3	3	11	12	293	293
Elementary	17	17	186	184	7,371	7,372
Junior high	1	1	15	15	402	402
Senior high	1	1	10	10	138	133
Agriculture and forestry high	1	1	14	14	201	171
Vocational	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>2,121</u>	<u>1,989</u>
Total	34	34	291	290	10,526	10,360

- a/ Industrial high schools were discontinued as of 1 April and junior high schools were established.
- b/ February and March figures. All Northern Ryukyus school attendance figures are reported one month late.
- c/ School uses facilities of Girls' Junior High School.

Okinawa-gunto

2. The public school system of Okinawa-gunto adopted the 6-3-3 system 1 April to begin standardization of all public schools of the Ryukyus, teacher training and textbooks.

3. The 25 industrial high schools were discontinued 1 April and were replaced by 45 new junior high schools. Sixty of the elementary schools are combined elementary and junior high schools. The industrial high schools had been established a year ago as a temporary measure to take care of the large number of students.

4. Former Okinawa institutions and agencies under control of the Okinawa Civilian Administration which are now considered to be Ryukyuan in scope were placed under Military Government control to relieve the Okinawa Civilian Administration of financial support of activities no longer solely Okinawan in character.

The Teachers' Training School and the Foreign Language School located at Gushikawa, Okinawa, were opened to students from all islands of the Ryukyus on a quota basis. Eighteen students from the Northern Ryukyus enrolled. The schools, formerly under the Okinawa Civilian Administration, were placed under the control of Military Government.

The Adult Education Program, formerly a function of the Culture Department of the Okinawa Civilian Administration, was also placed under Military Government as a Ryukyus agency 1 April.

5. One new elementary school was established at Kina, Yomita Mura, in March.

6. Graduation exercises were held in March for approximately 1,800 students enrolled in high schools, the Teachers' Training School and the Foreign Language School of Okinawa.

7. The Okinawa Teachers' Association held its annual meeting at Chinen, Okinawa.

High-school exhibits of arts and crafts were held at Koza, Nago and Maebaru in March.

8. Approximately 180 teachers on Okinawa resigned during April to obtain nongovernmental employment at higher salaries.

Southern Ryukyus

9. Pay increases for teachers and compilation of textbooks for primary schools were discussed during March by Yaeyama school authorities.

10. On 1 April Miyako adopted the 6-3-3 education system, and principals of all schools met 5 April to discuss the new system.

11. A gymnastic meet was held 19 April at Shimojo Village, Miyako. Educational films were shown 20 times during the month at various schools in Miyako to audiences totaling 20,460 people.

Supplies

12. During April two quonsets and 20 tent-frame buildings were added to the Teachers' Training School.

13. Sixty 16mm projectors and screens to be used in the Ryukyus adult education program were received in Okinawa in April while the Northern Ryukyus received fourteen five-kilowatt generators and two movie projectors from Okinawa. Projection and generator mechanics are being trained.

14. A supply of 100,000 sheets of paper was made available to the schools in the Northern Ryukyus through the Central Agriculture Association.

15. Military Government sources shipped 3,000 uniform caps to the Southern Ryukyus in April.

16. School supplies shipped to the Ryukyus in March for distribution to schools included:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES RECEIVED March

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>	<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>
Baseballs	each	110	0
Bats, baseball	each	0	65
Books, Japanese			
phrase	each	0	1,600
Cans, water	each	0	221
Film, movie	reel	9	7
Generators, 5 kw	each	8	7
Ink, printing	gallon	0	10
Paper, mimeograph	ream	10,572	9,288
Projectors, movie	each	1	2
Softballs	each	528	0
Stencils, mimeograph	quire	0	15
Volleyballs	each	15	0

CULTURE

17. At the end of March functions of the Culture Department of the Okinawa Civilian Administration were assumed by the Education Department with supervision over libraries, museums, fine arts, theaters and adult education. The public information functions were transferred to the Chiji's Secretariat.

18. An exhibit of paintings, pottery and woodwork was held in Chinen, Okinawa, 20 March.

19. In the Northern Ryukyus 67 players from four actors' guilds

provided public entertainment at Naze and Koniya.

The Young Men's and Young Women's Associations conducted weekly meetings with lectures on English, civics, agricultural affairs, current events, personal hygiene, sanitation and current economic problems.

20. In the Southern Ryukyus regular stage performances continued featuring Ryukyuan plays and dances.

The Miyako library was patronized by 657 persons in April.

The English-speaking citizens of Miyako held English classes nightly. Average attendance was 340 persons.

RELIGION

21. Christian church activities in March and April in the Southern Ryukyus were as follows:

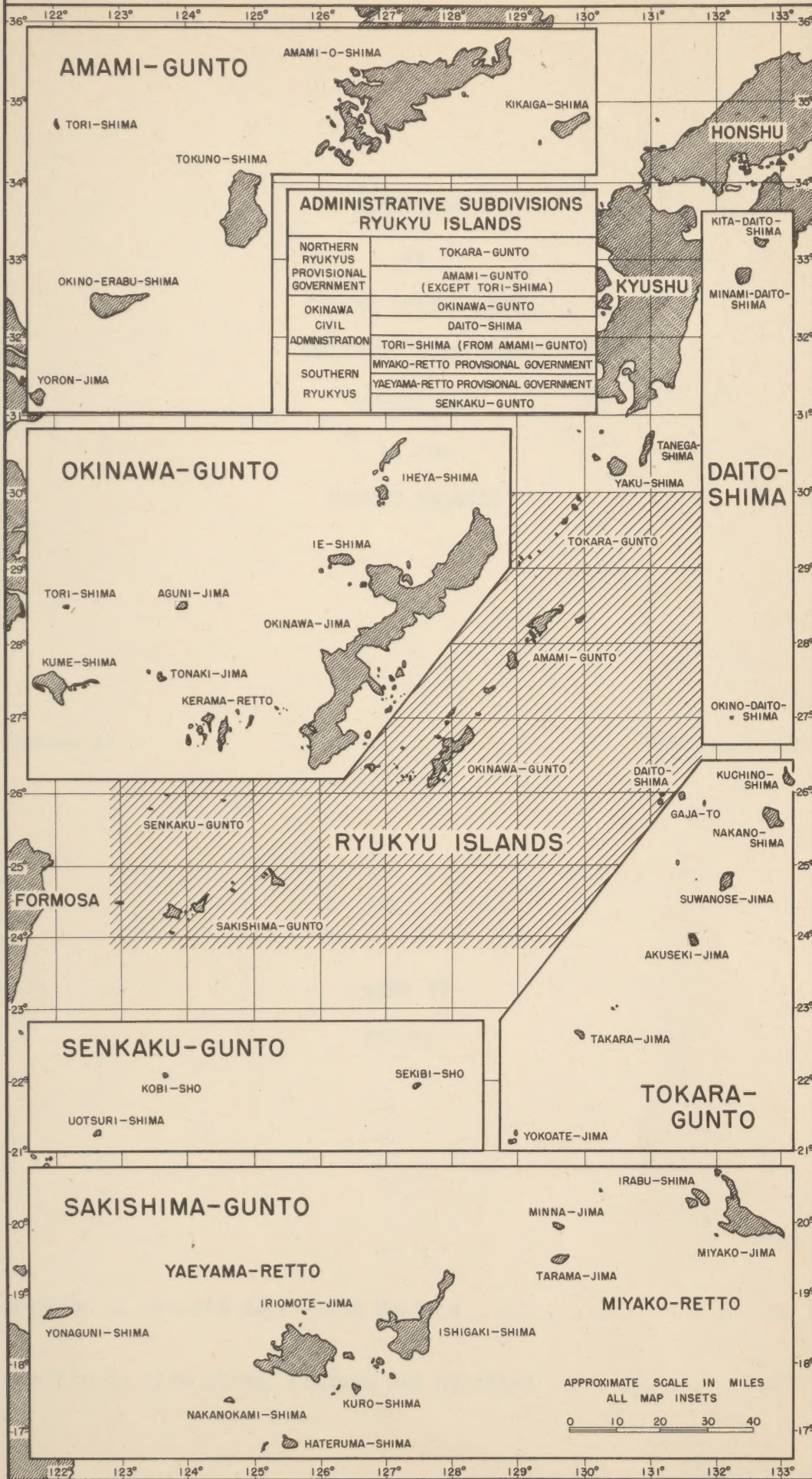
CHRISTIAN CHURCH ACTIVITIES Southern Ryukyus

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Church services	12	4
Average attendance	330	180
Sunday school services	4	4
Average attendance	200	150
Prayer meetings	-	4
Average attendance	-	70
Baptismal services	-	4
Average attendance	-	120
Leper colony services	4	8
Prison services	-	30

22. The Christian churches in Miyako-retto held prayer meetings each Tuesday at dawn and baptismal services three Sundays in March.

23. Buddhist services were held daily in Miyako-retto in March and April.

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